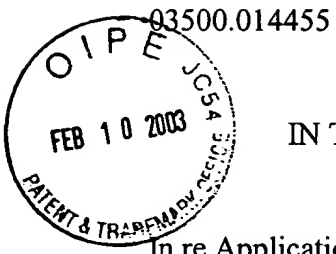


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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
HARUO MACHIDA) Examiner: Tadesse Hailu
Application No.: 09/559,455) Group Art Unit: 2173
Filed: April 28, 2000)
For: DATA PROCESSING)
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PROCESSING METHOD,)
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PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2002 for one month from January 3, 2003 to February 3, 2003.

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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